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-- 16. An image pickup apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it. --

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 10 is amended and claims 14-16 are added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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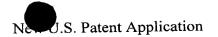
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## APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 14-16 are added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

10. (Amended) An image pickup apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 6 to 9, claim 6, wherein each light receiving element of said image sensors has a charge storing ability able to store a charge generated in accordance with light striking it.